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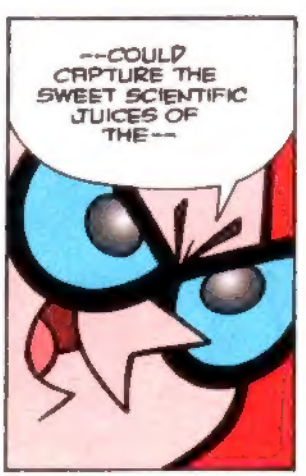

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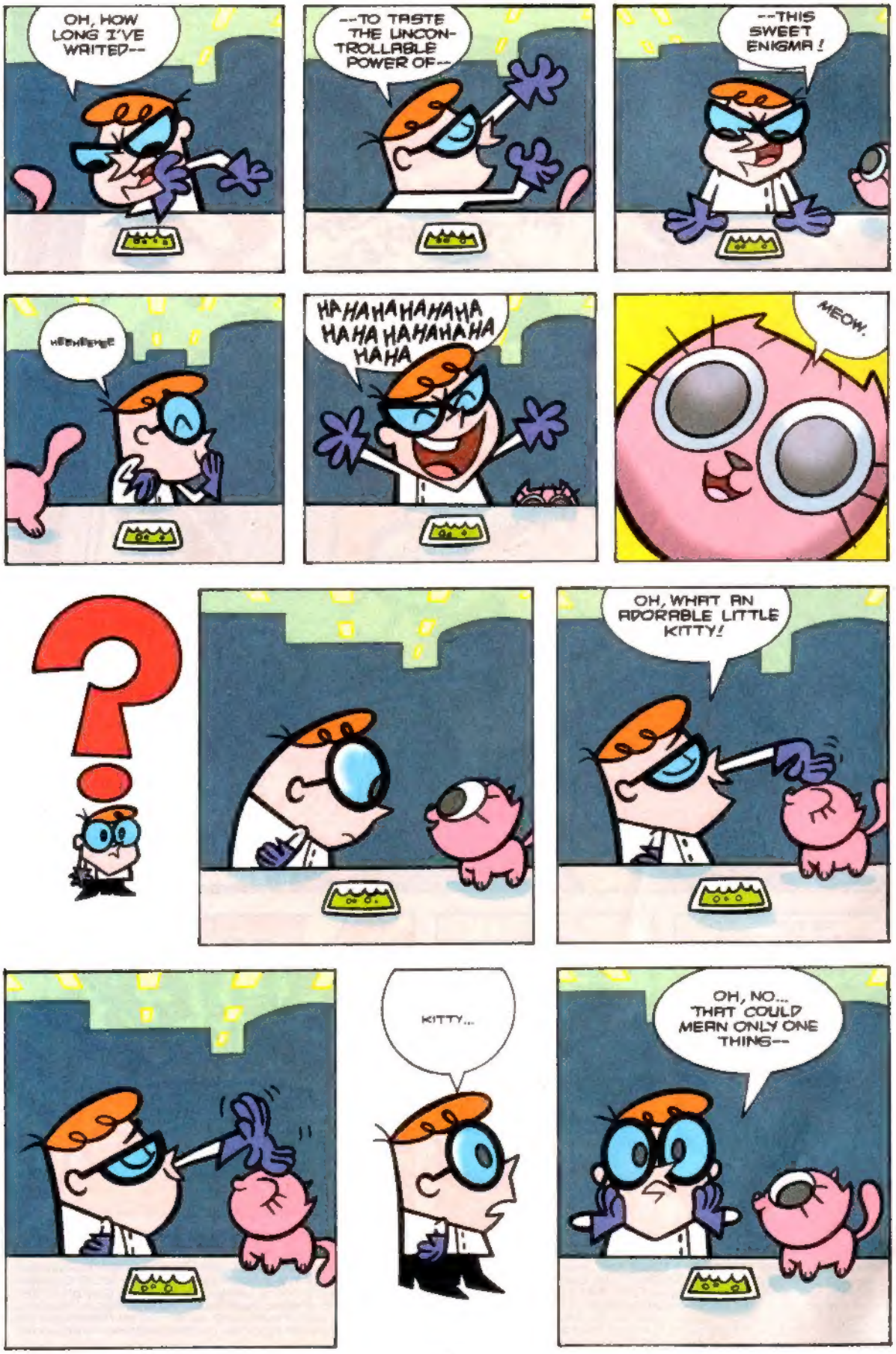
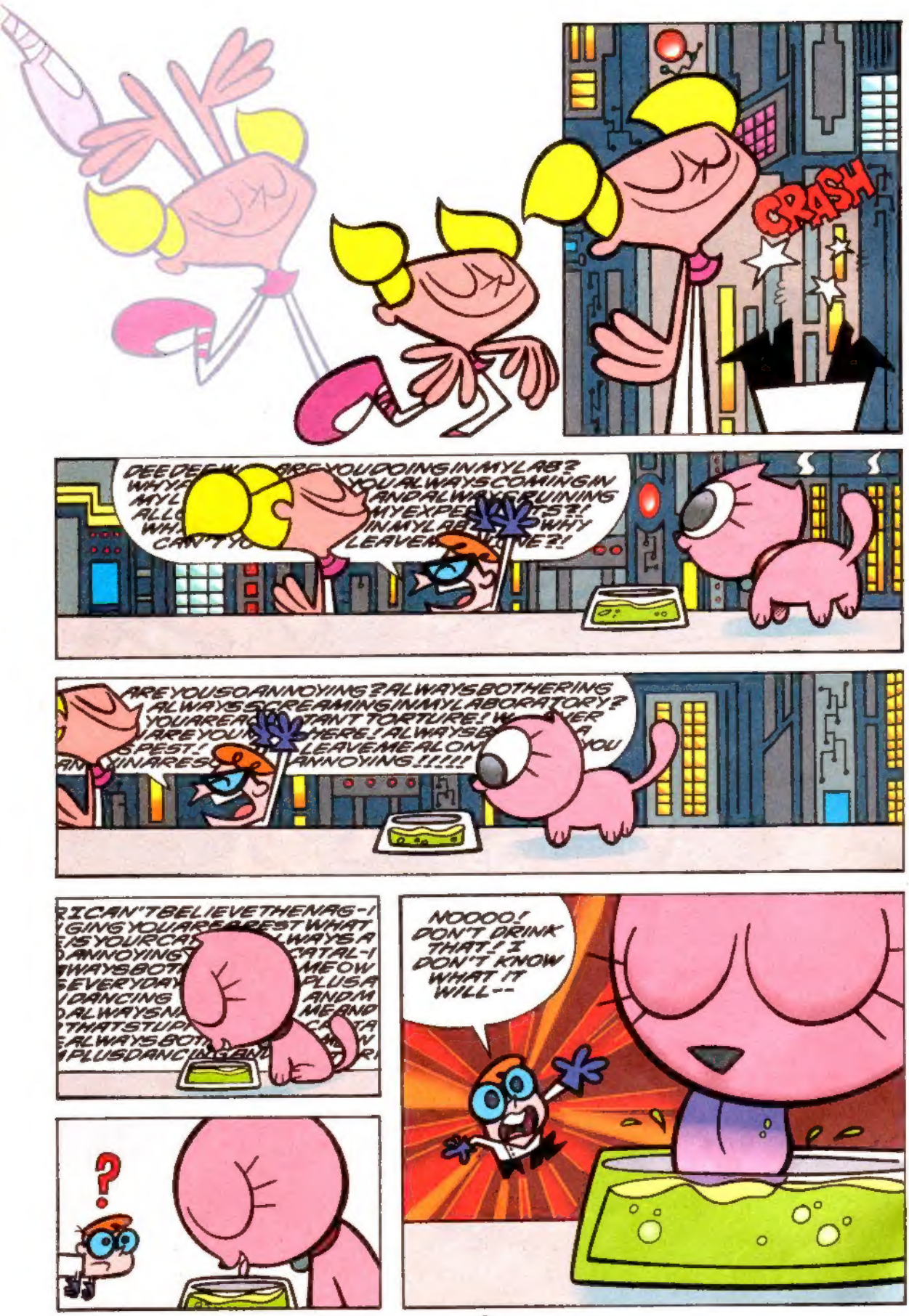

OH, HOW LONG I'VE WAITED--
--TO TASTE THE UNCONTROLLABLE POWER OF--
--THIS SWEET ENIGMA!
HEHEHEHE!
HAHAHAHAHAHA HAHAHAHAHAHA HAHA
MEOW.
OH, WHAT AN ADORABLE LITTLE KITTY!
KITTY...
OH, NO... THAT COULD MEAN ONLY ONE THING--

Hiii!
DEE-DEE.


CRASH
ARE YOU DOING IN MY LAB?
YOU ALWAYS COMING IN AND ALWAY RUINING MY EXPE TS?!
IN MY LAB WHY LEAVE ME?!
ARE YOU SO ANNOYING? ALWAYS BOTHERING ALWAYS SCREAMING IN MY LABORATORY?
YOU ARE CONSTANT TORTURE!
ARE YOU HERE! ALWAYS
LEAVE ME ALONE
ANNOYING!!!!!
NOOOO! DON'T DRINK THAT! I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WILL--
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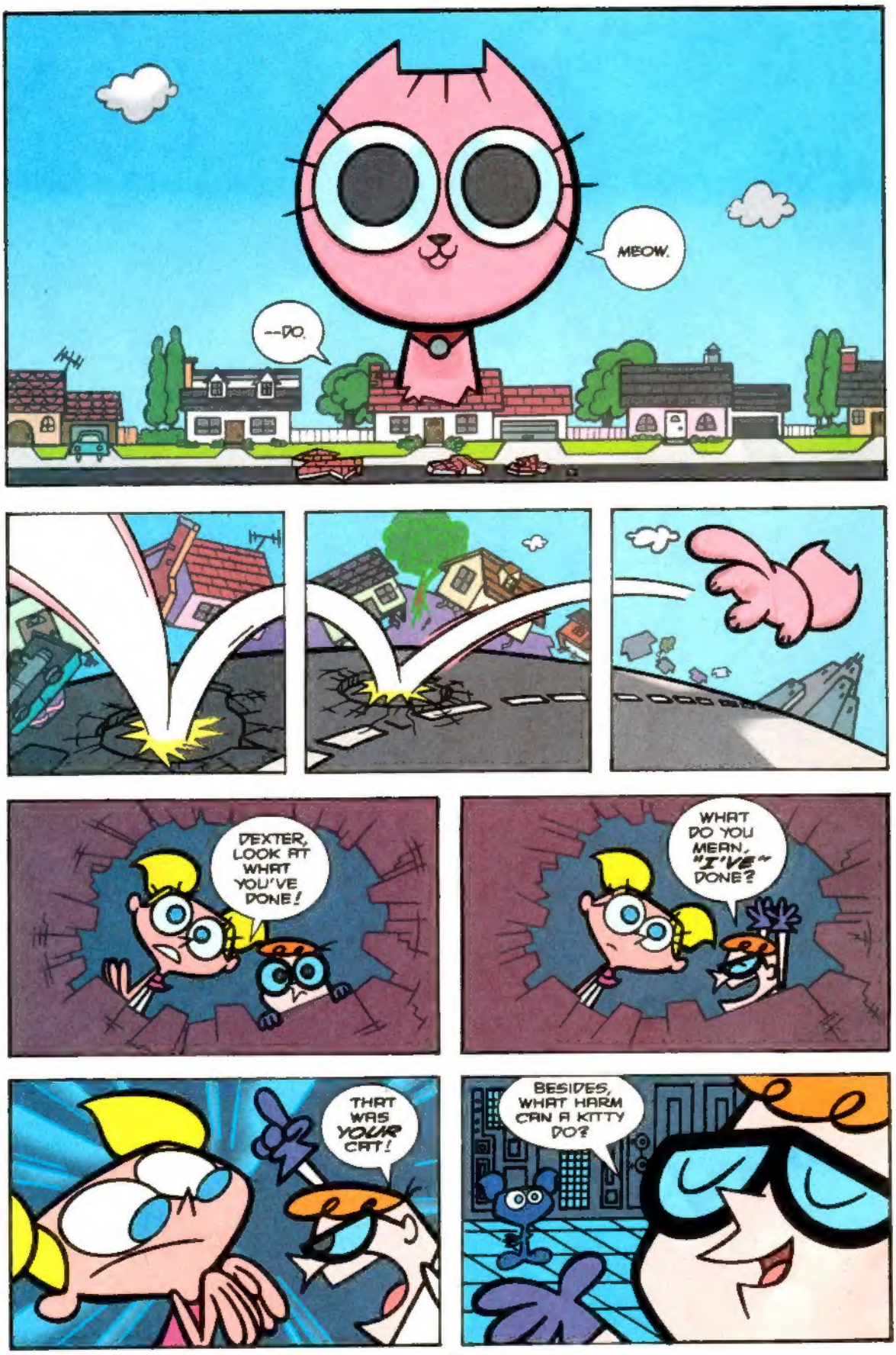
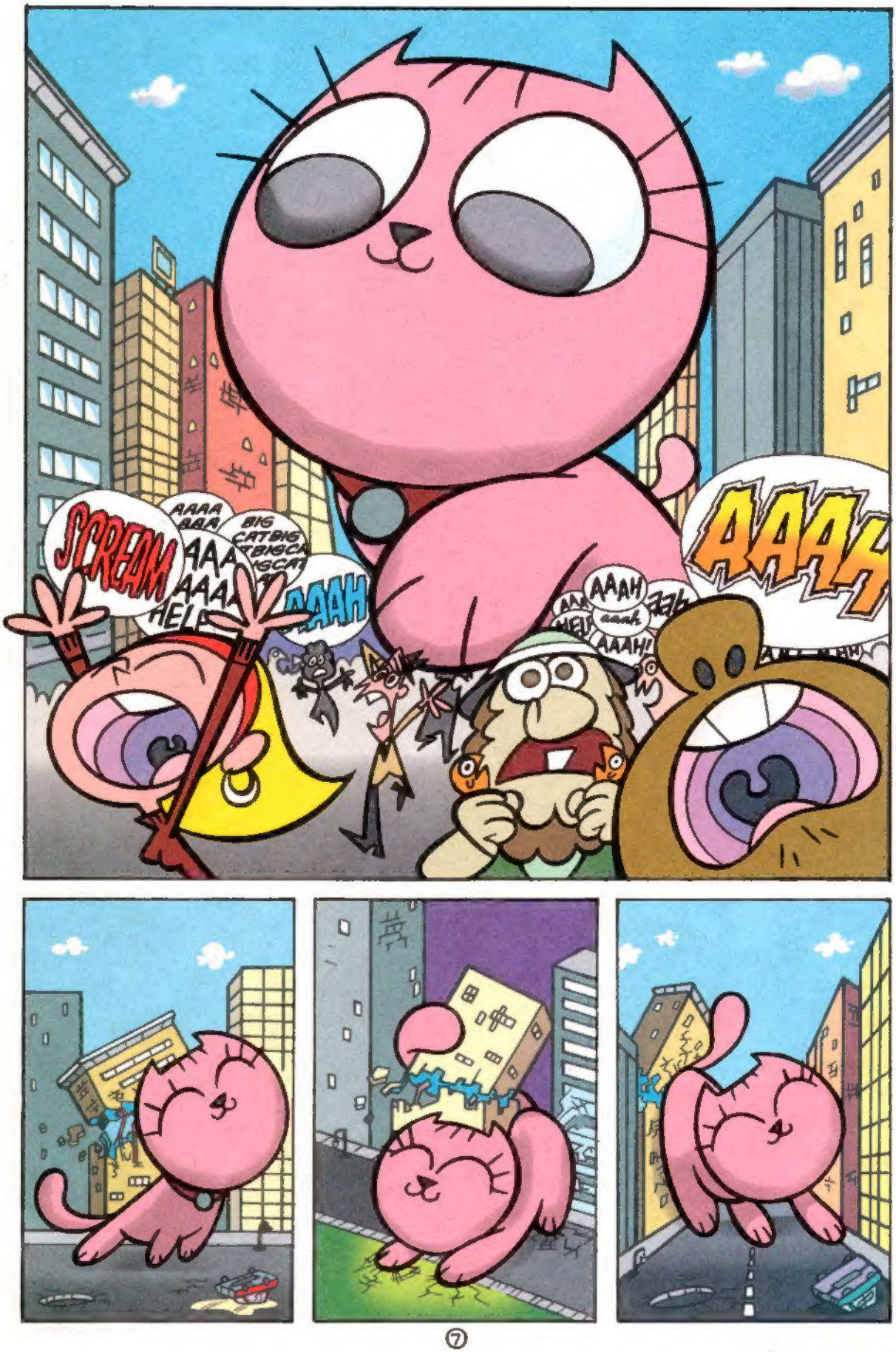
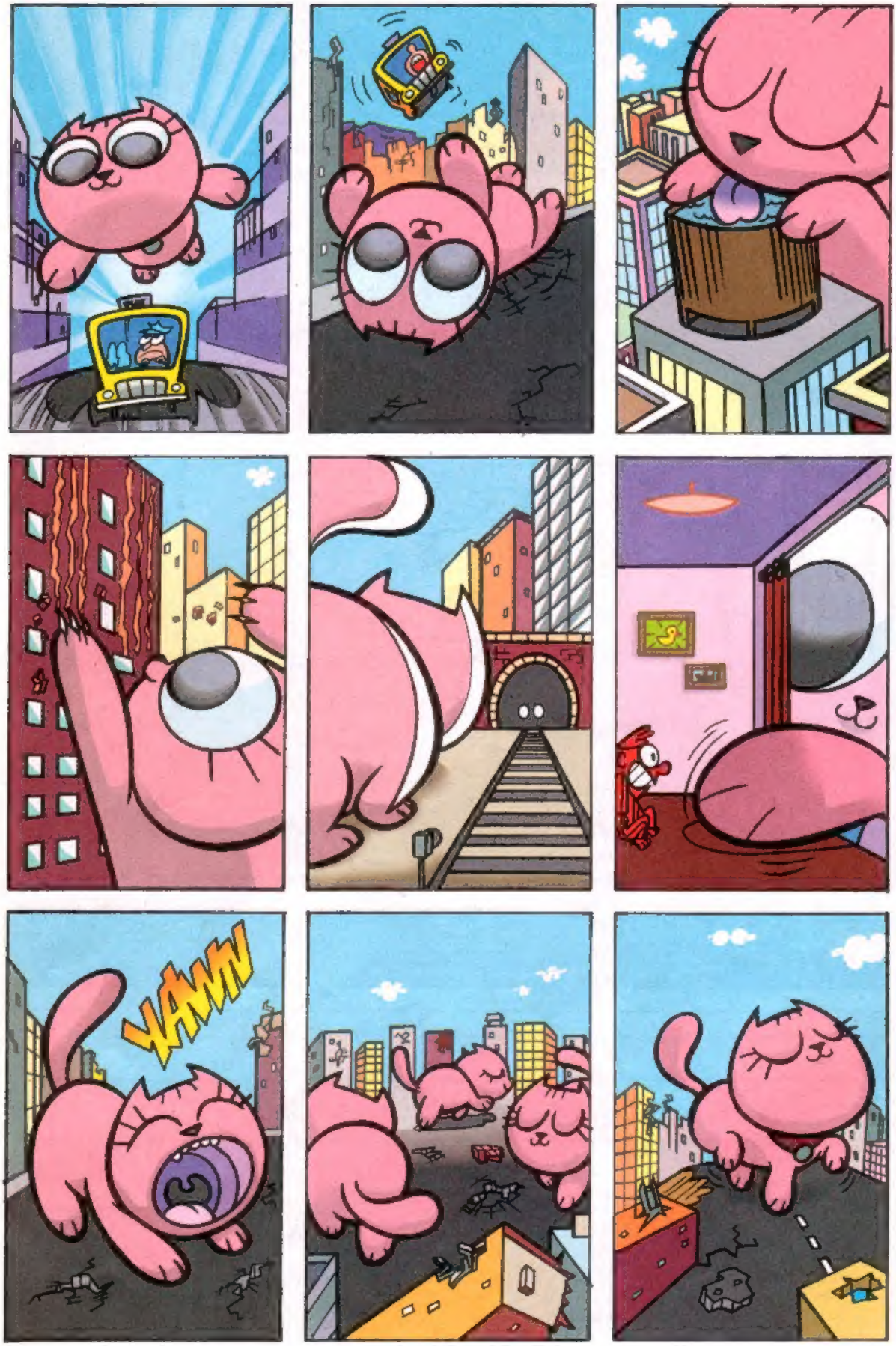

--DO.
MEOW.
DEXTER, LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "I'VE" DONE?
THAT WAS YOUR CAT!
BESIDES, WHAT HARM CAN A KITTY DO?


SCREAM
AAAA AAA
AAA AAAA HELP
BIG CAT BIG CAT BIG CAT
AAAH
AAAH
aaah
AAAH!
AAAH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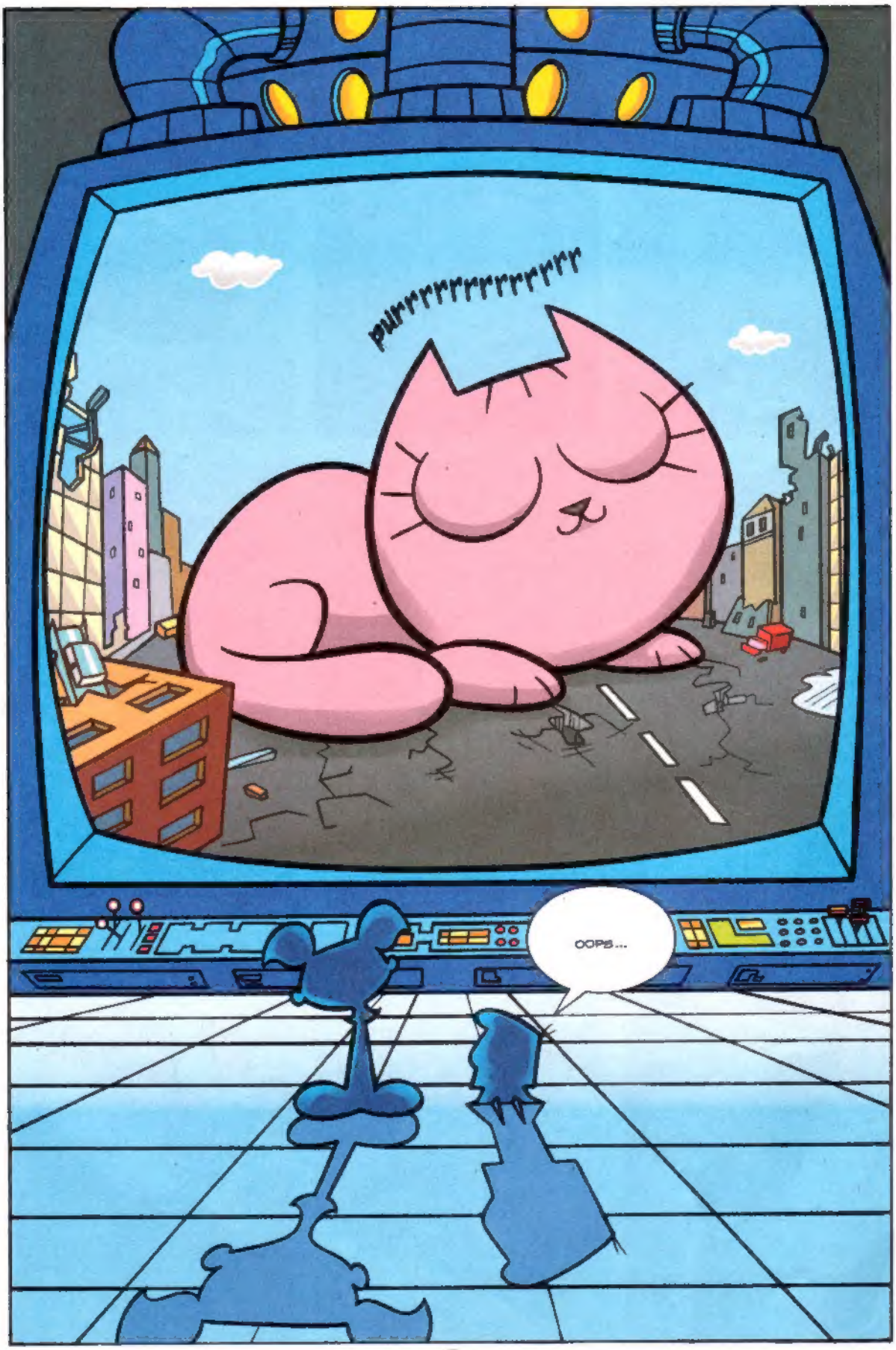
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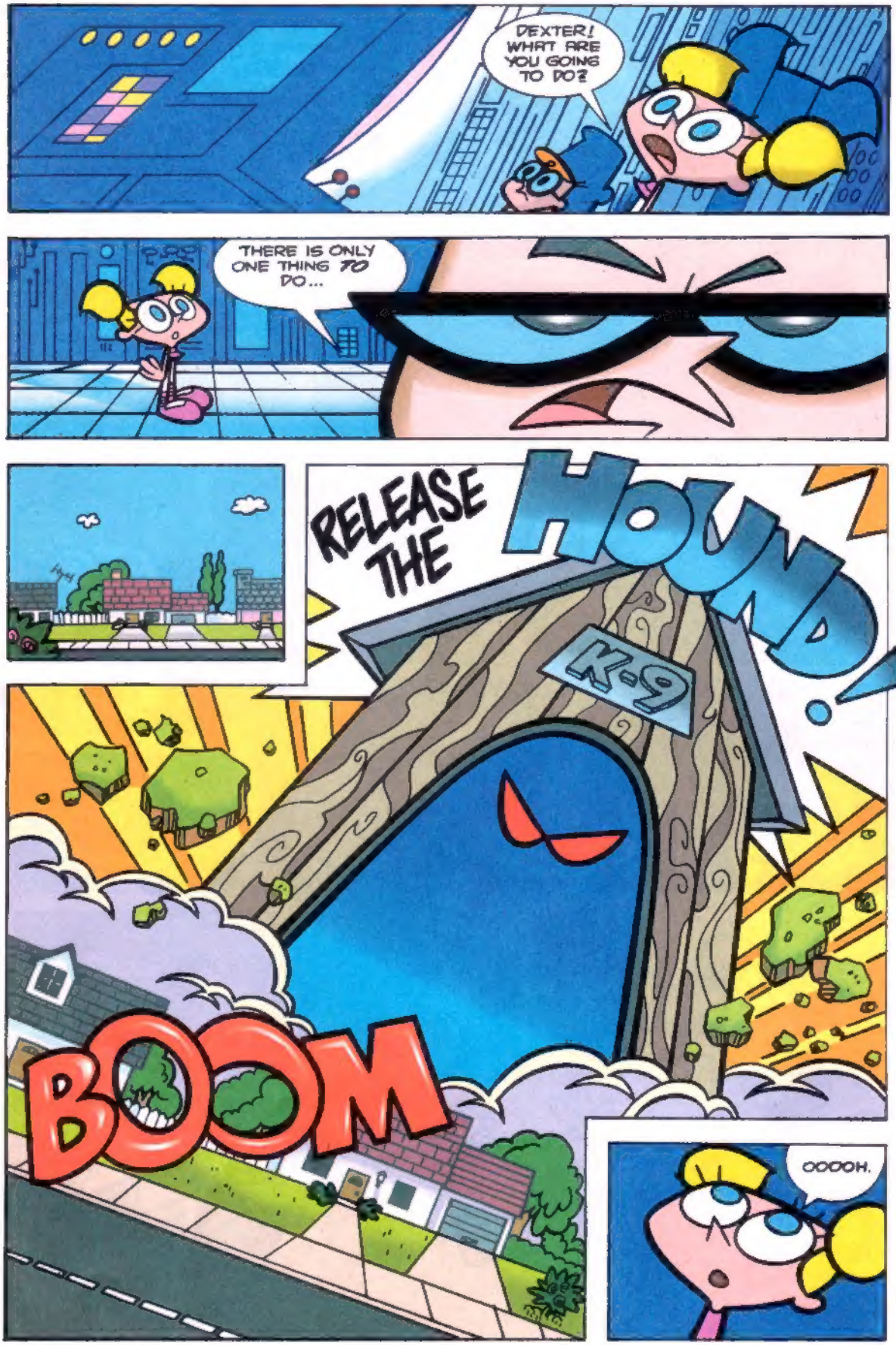
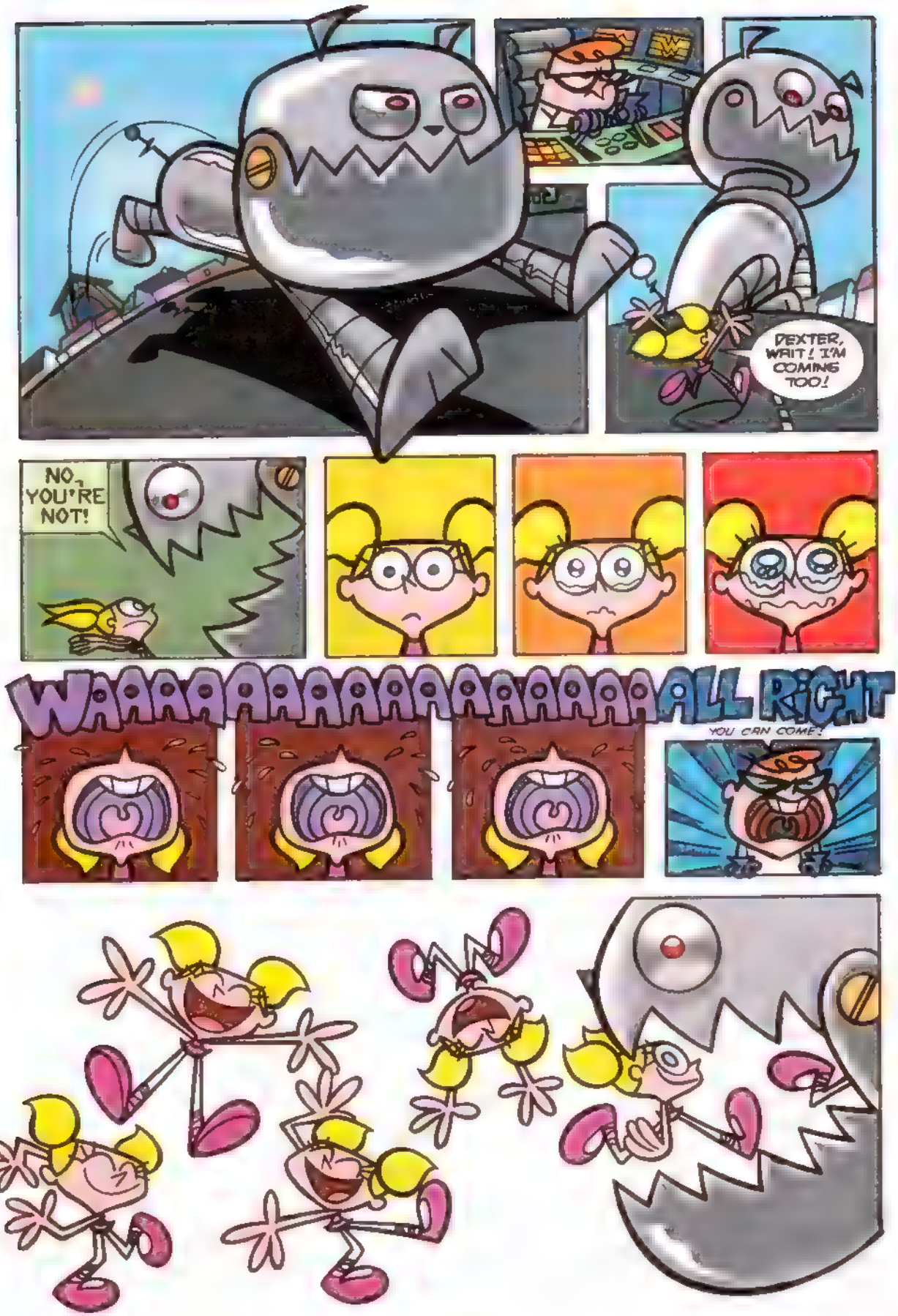
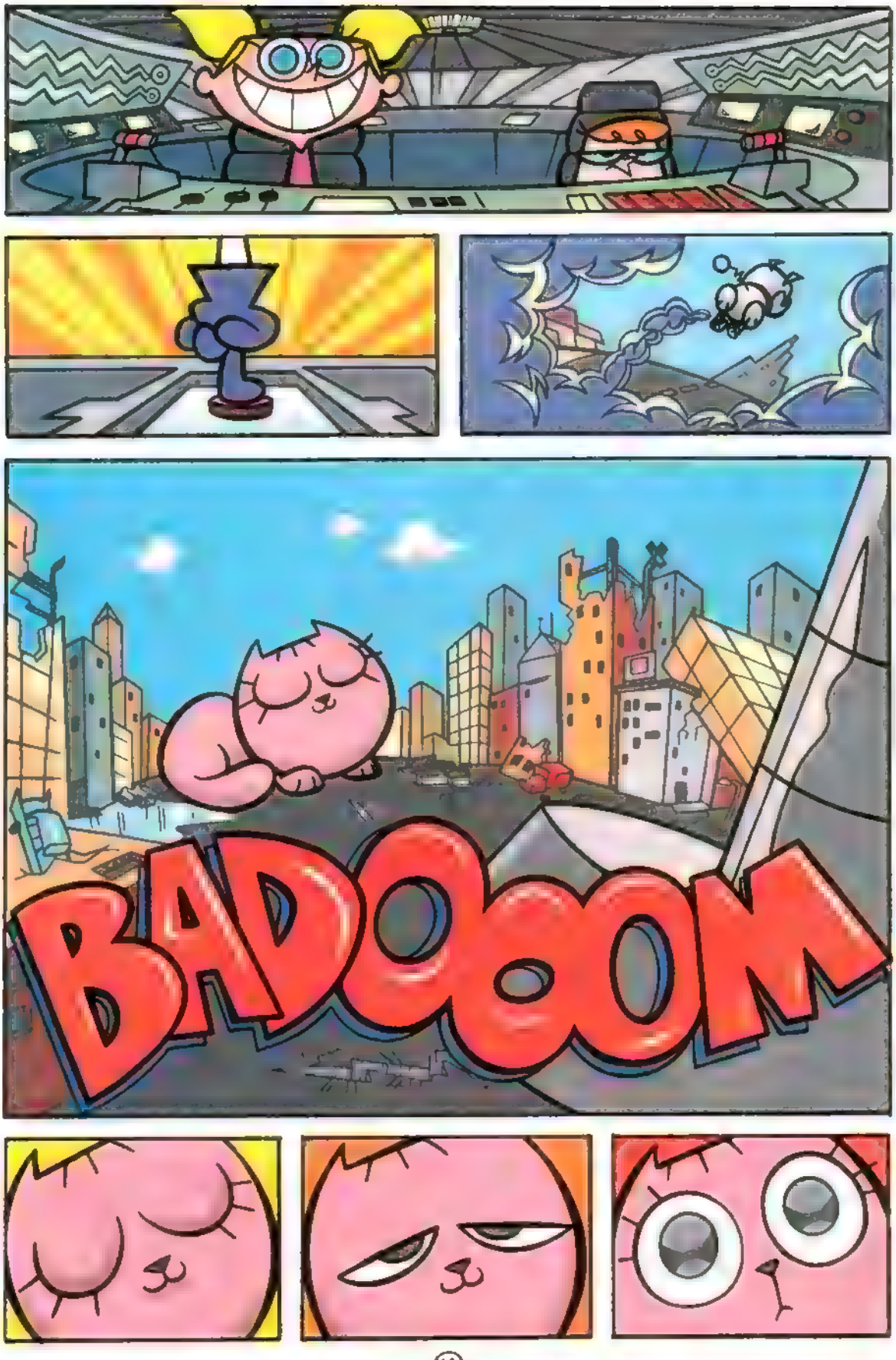
OOPS...


DEXTER! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO DO...
RELEASE THE HOUND!
K-9
BOOM
OOOOH.


DEXTER, WAIT! I'M COMING TOO!
NO, YOU'RE NOT!
WAAA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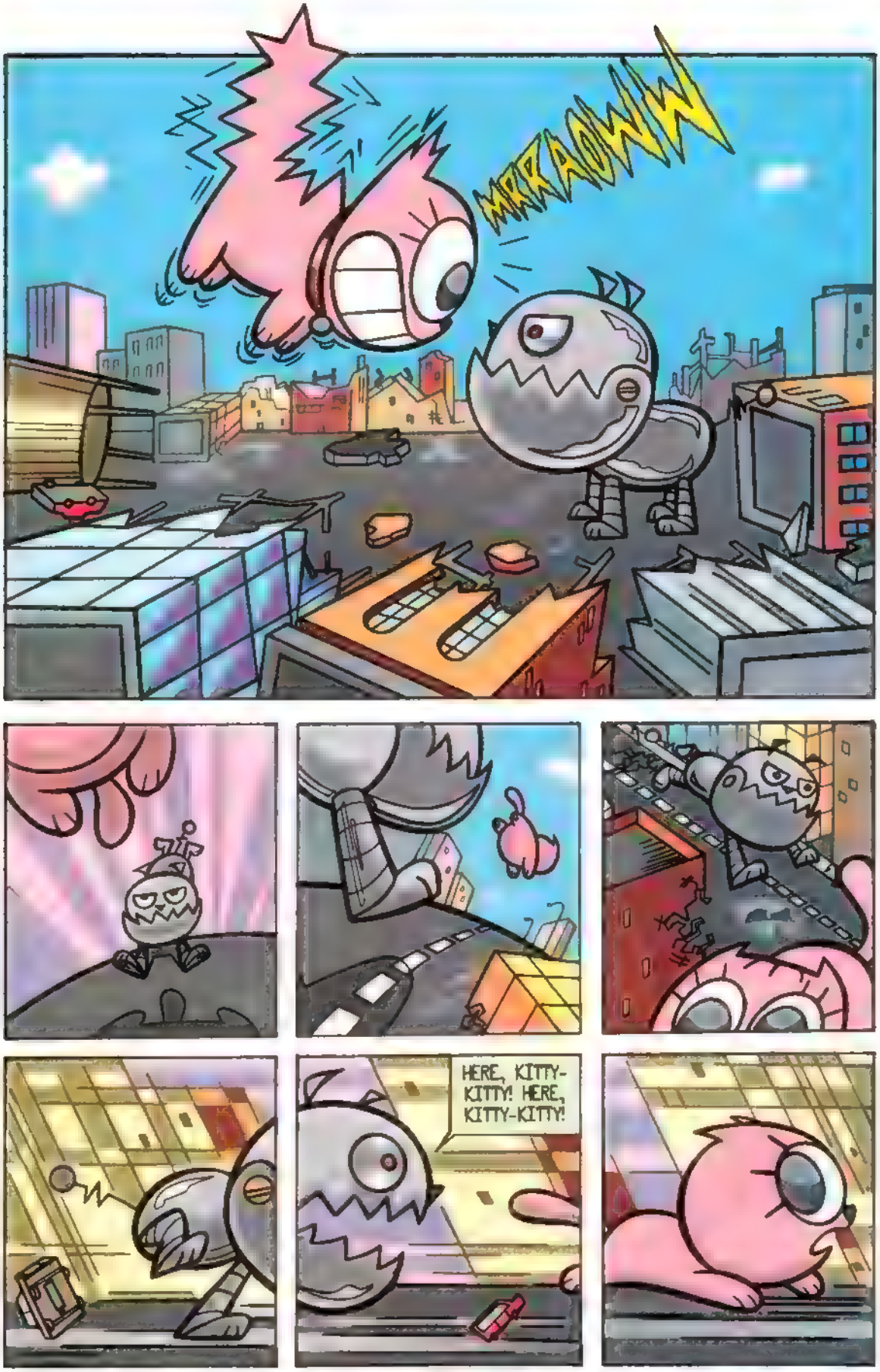
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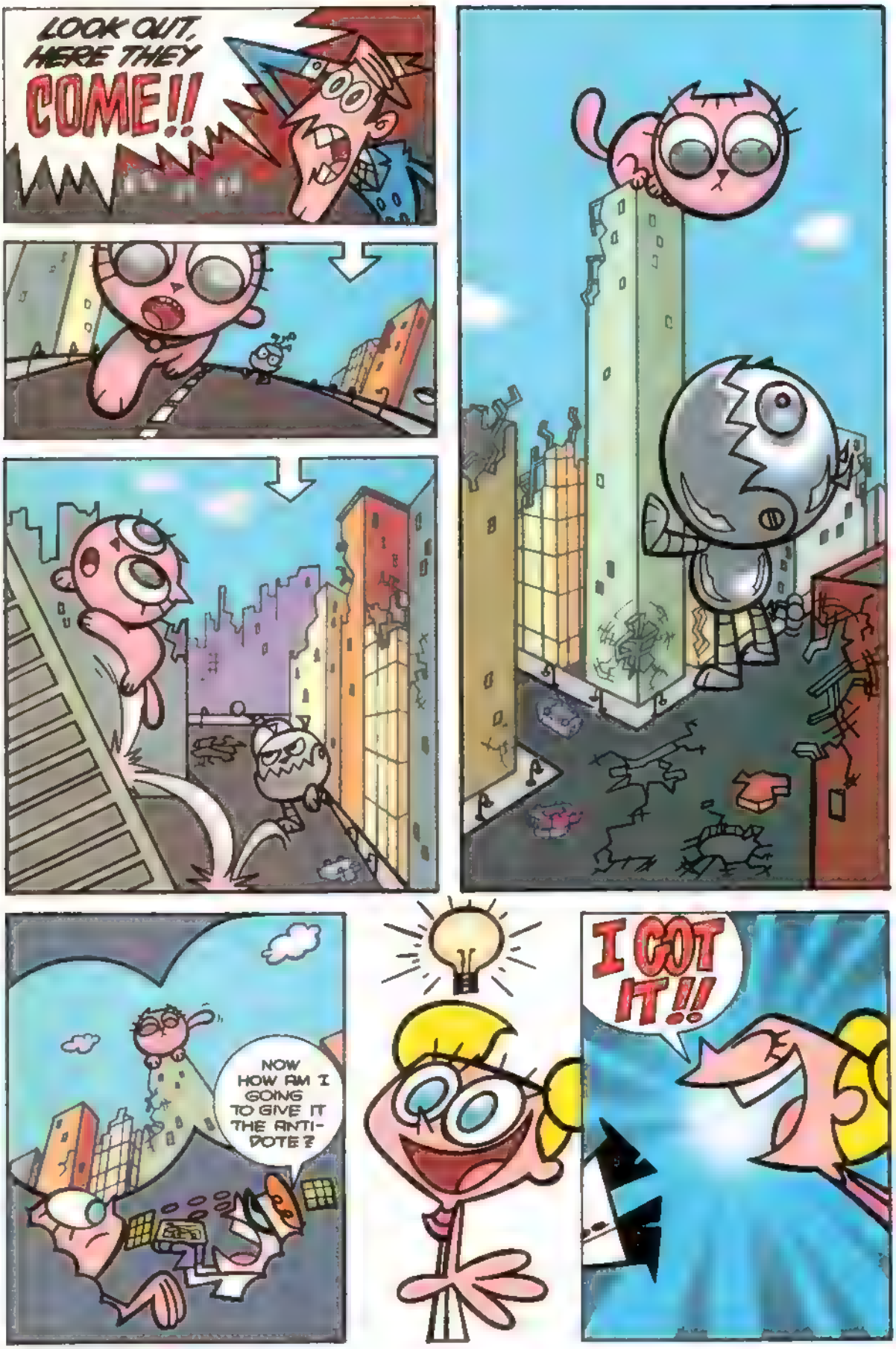
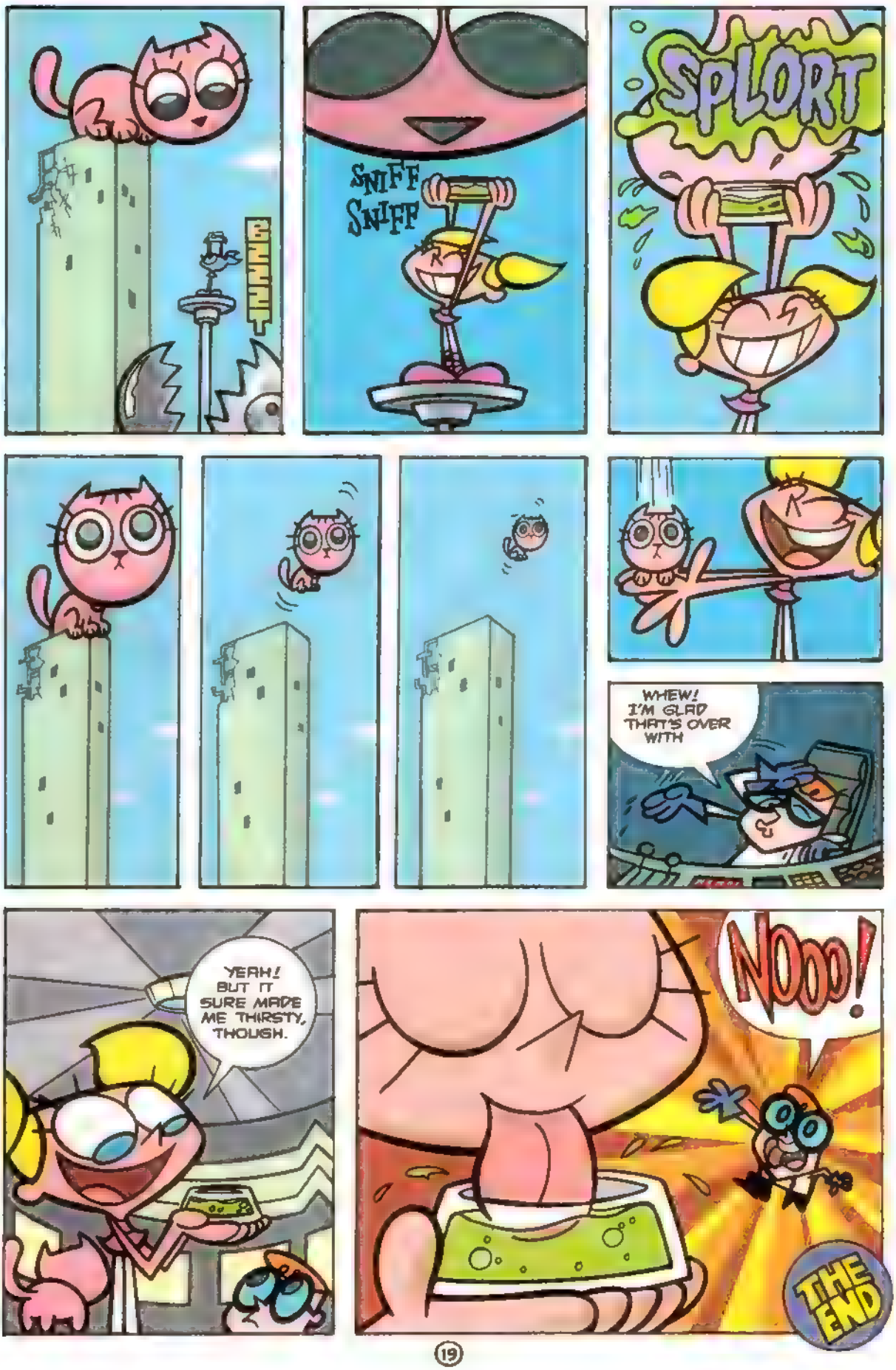
HERE, KITTY-KITTY! HERE, KITTY-KITTY!

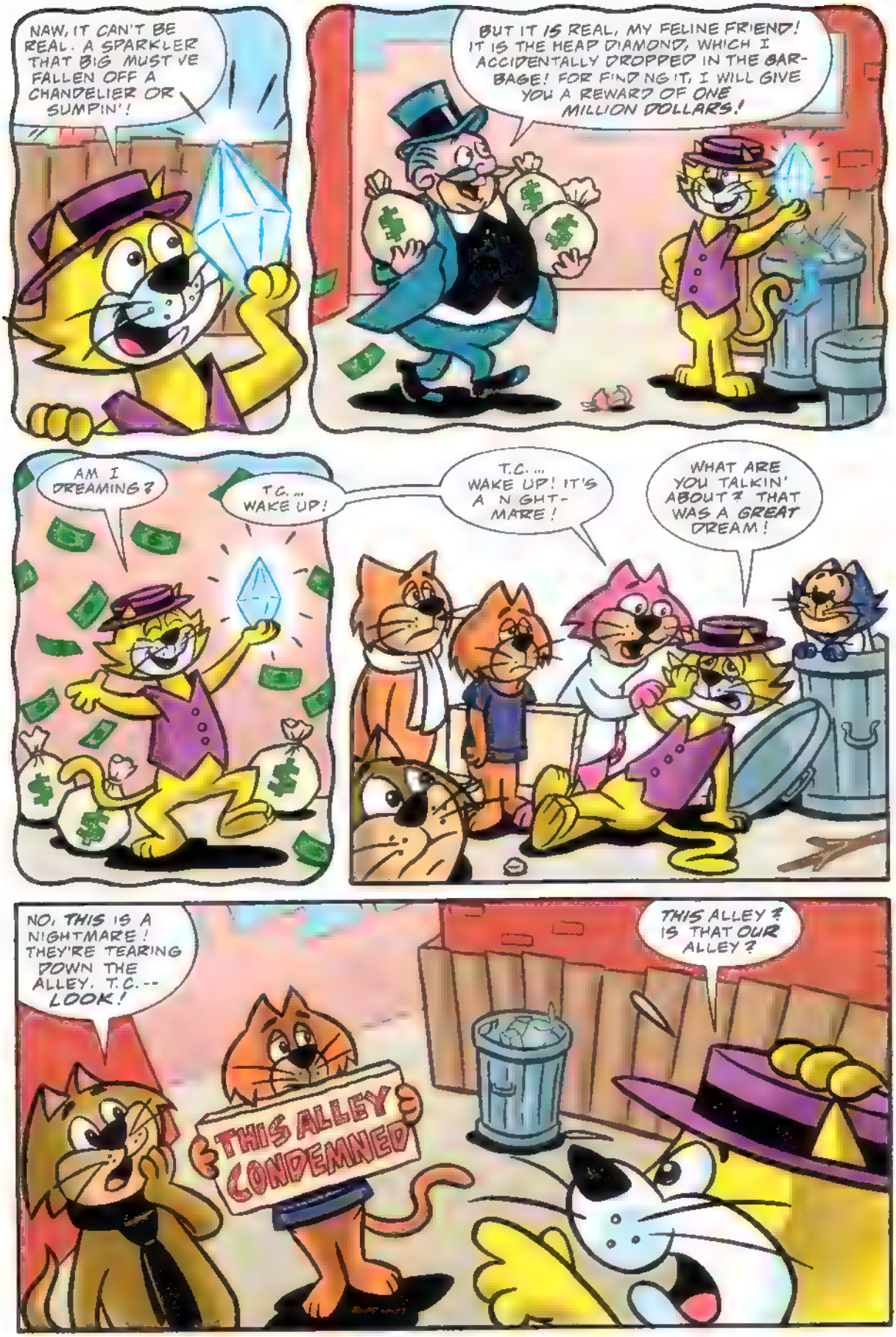

LOOK OUT, HERE THEY COME!!
NOW HOW AM I GOING TO GIVE IT THE ANTI-DOTE?
I GOT IT!!


GRRRR!
SNIFF SNIFF
SPLORT
WHEW! I'M GLAD THAT'S OVER WITH
YEAH! BUT IT SURE MADE ME THIRSTY, THOUGH.
NOOO!
THE END

# TOP CAT IN ALLEY OOPS!

MICHAEL KUPPERMAN STORY | BILL ALGER ART | DAVE TANGUAY COLOR | PHIL FELIX LETTERS | BRONWYN TAGGART EDITS

LEMON PEELS.. COFFEE GROUNDS... EGG SHELLS... A WORN-OUT SNEAKER... SHEESH, THERE'S NOTHIN' IN THIS HERE GARBAGE BUT GARBAGE!
COFFEE
A NEWSPAPER... A BROKEN CLOCK... A GIANT DIAMOND.
...A GIANT DIAMOND!!


NAW, IT CAN'T BE REAL. A SPARKLER THAT BIG MUST'VE FALLEN OFF A CHANDELIER OR SUMPIN'!
BUT IT IS REAL, MY FELINE FRIEND! IT IS THE HEAP DIAMOND, WHICH I ACCIDENTALLY DROPPED IN THE GARBAGE! FOR FINDING IT, I WILL GIVE YOU A REWARD OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS!
AM I DREAMING?
T.C.... WAKE UP!
T.C.... WAKE UP! IT'S A NIGHTMARE!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT? THAT WAS A GREAT DREAM!
NO, THIS IS A NIGHTMARE! THEY'RE TEARING DOWN THE ALLEY, T.C.-- LOOK!
THIS ALLEY? IS THAT OUR ALLEY?
THIS ALLEY CONDEMNED

OUR ALLEY? THEY CAN'T DO THAT!
BUT THEY ARE DOING IT, T.C.! AND IN JUST TWO WEEKS!
A BIG LAND DEVELOPER HAS BOUGHT THE ENTIRE BLOCK... HE'S GONNA BUILD CONDOS!
WHAT'LL BECOME OF US?
THIS ALLEY CONDEMNED
OFFICER DIBBLE! IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?
I'M AFRAID SO, T.C. BELIEVE ME, I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT EITHER. THIS ALLEY'S A MAJOR PART OF MY BEAT!
THIS ALLEY CONDEMNED
I'M AFRAID IT'S THE END, BOYS!
THE END.. NO.. IT CAN'T BE! WE ARE GO NG TO SAVE THIS ALLEY!
OKAY, WE PROCEED WITH PLAN A! CHOO CHOO... GET THE EXTRA-LARGE RAIN-COAT!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, T.C.!
YEAH!
YAY!

LATER...
ACH! YOU ARE ZE LAND DEVELOPER WHO IS BUILDING ZE CONDOS, ARE YOU NOT?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
KEEP OFF THE GRASS
BUT HAFF YOU NOT HEARD ZAT ZE ALLEY IS HAUNTED?
HAUNTED?!
YES! TERRIBLE GHOSTS AND GHOULS LIFF THERE! IF YOU BUILD YOUR CONDOS ZERE, ZEY VILL BE HAUNTED TOO!
REALLY?
THAT'S SENSATIONAL! PEOPLE WILL LINE UP TO PAY TOP DOLLAR TO LIVE IN A REAL-LIFE HAUNTED CONDO! WOW!
OKAY, TIME FOR PLAN B!

BEWARE, EARTHLING! IF YOU BUILD YOUR CONDOS, YOU WILL FACE AN INVASION FROM THE STARS!
FACE IT, ALIEN! IF YOU CAN'T DEAL WITH GRAVITY ON THIS PLANET, YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS TRYING TO INVADE IT!
WHOA!
LOOK OUT!
PATHETIC!
CRASH!
POST NO BILLS
WHAT'S PLAN C?
WE DON'T HAVE A PLAN C, BRAIN! WHAT OTHER COSTUMES HAVE WE GOT?
JUST THIS STUFF FROM THE GRADE SCHOOL, T.C.!
THE FOUR FOOD GROUPS! I CAN'T SEE THEM DOING US ANY GOOD!
MILK

LOOK, T.C.! OUR PETITION'S GOING GREAT! I'VE WRITTEN MY NAME ONE THOUSAND TIMES!
OH, BENNY!
SPOOK, CHOO CHOO, BRAIN - YOU GO AND SWITCH AROUND THE STREET SIGNS... MAYBE THAT'LL SLOW 'EM DOWN A LITTLE!
OKAY, BOSS!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... WE'RE GOING TO LOSE THE ALLEY! I MEAN, IT AIN'T EXACTLY THE RITZ, BUT IT'S OUR HOME, BENNY! THIS WAS THE BIG ONE AND WE BLEW IT!
POST NO BILLS
NOTHING'S WORKED-- WAIT A MINUTE!
THE GARBAGE... IT'S THE SAME AS IN MY DREAM!
IF I CAN FIND THAT DIAMOND, WE CAN BUY THE ALLEY! IT'S GOT TO BE HERE!
AND HERE IT IS!

AH! YOU HAVE FOUND IT!
I SURE HAVE!
THE PIECE THAT FELL OFF MY CHANDELIER! FOR FINDING IT, I WILL GIVE YOU A REWARD OF ONE DOLLAR! MANY THANKS!
THAT'S IT... WE'RE FINISHED... ONE DOLLAR...
ONE LOUSY PICTURE OF... GEORGE... WASHINGTON...
A PICTURE! THAT'S IT! BENNY- GET CHOO CHOO! WE NEED ANOTHER COSTUME!
WE'LL SAVE THE ALLEY YET!
OKAY, T.C.!
HOLD STILL, BENNY! A PICTURE'S WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS-- AND THIS ONE'S WORTH A MILLION BUCKS TO US!

FINISHED! YOU WAIT HERE, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
DOES T.C. REALLY THINK HE CAN SELL THAT PAINTING FOR A MILLION DOLLARS?
POOR T.C.! THE STRESS OF LOSING THE ALLEY'S TOO MUCH FOR HIM!
ONE HOUR LATER...
LOOK, FELLAS! WE SAVED THE ALLEY!
T.C., I JUST HEARD—THE ALLEY'S BEEN DECLARED AN HISTORIC LANDMARK! THEY CAN'T BUILD CONDOS HERE!
HOW'D YOU DO IT?
ALL I DID WAS BRING SOME IMPORTANT HISTORICAL EVIDENCE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY--
--IT SEEMS THAT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S CAT ONCE SLEPT HERE!
The End

# Are Giants Real?

**Well, yeah, sort of.** Any person who grows much taller than normal might be called a giant. (Or, they might be called a player in the NBA.) But when people talk about GIANTS, like giants in monster movies, they usually mean somebody who's really HUGE and more like **FIFTY FEET TALL.** Has there ever been a giant that big? No.

**Sometimes reports of giants are due to tall tales, not tall people.** Giants in myths and fairy tales are usually the bad guys, and the bigger they are, the scarier they seem. The "fi-fie-fo-fum" giant in "Jack the Giant-Killer" was so huge that he could have squished Jack like a bug. In the Bible story of David and Goliath, Goliath is so big that no normal soldier could possibly defeat him. It's fun to hear how the little guys like Jack and David can outsmart the big guys and win in the end. So, when people tell stories about giants, it's easy to see why they might exaggerate how tall the giants actually are. It makes a better story.

**Some giants exaggerate their own height, not to scare people away but to attract them.** In the past, when giants could make a living exhibiting themselves with sideshows or circuses, they would often exaggerate their height to attract more paying customers. They would wear high boots and elaborate hairstyles or really big hats — any kind of costume that would make them look taller. Anyone who could claim to be the tallest man or woman *in the world* was certain to make good money.

Most of the professional giants in circuses weren't scary like the giants in fairy tales; in fact, some of them were really nice. One of the sweetest giants ever was a young man named **Robert Wadlow** from Alton, Illinois. By the time he was 10, Robert was 6 feet 5 inches tall — **and he never stopped growing.** When he started college, he stood 8 feet 3-1/2 inches high. He wanted to study law and become a lawyer, but it was hard for him to keep up with his classes because all the books and desks were made for people so much smaller than he was. He finally became a sideshow giant. Unlike all the other professional giants, he refused to wear special costumes; he just wore his regular clothes. He was dignified and intelligent, but very friendly. Everyone loved him.

**How tall can human giants get? There seems to be a natural limit of about nine feet.** Fewer than ten people in the *whole world* have ever been reliably measured to be over eight feet tall. Plus, gravity is just too strong for a person to walk upright if they're over nine feet tall.

**So there can't be any 50-foot-tall giants, or monsters, or kittens like the one in the story.** Whales are the biggest animal, and they're in the water so gravity doesn't pull them down so much. Elephants are the largest land animal, so maybe there *could* be a kitten as large as an elephant. And what about dinosaurs? Well, they're not around anymore, are they?

**IN THE NEXT ISSUE:** There's trouble on Cartoon Planet when Space Ghost's guest fails to show up for the Space Ghost Coast-to-Coast talk show! Brak, Zorak, and Moltar have to fill up the show *somehow* — what'll they do? Look for **Cartoon Network Presents #2** in July.

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